

Supporting Information

Representation of secondary organic aerosol (SOA) laboratory chamber data for the interpretation of mechanisms of particle growth

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The two-component form of Equation 4 is as follows:

$$\frac{\Delta M}{\Delta HC} = (M(0) + \Delta M) \left(\frac{\alpha_1 K_1}{1 + K_1 (M(0) + \Delta M)} + \frac{\alpha_2 K_2}{1 + K_2 (M(0) + \Delta M)} \right) \quad (S1)$$

If $M(0)$ is zero, the solution is given by Equation 5 in the text. For nonzero values of $M(0)$, Equation S1 is cubic, with a positive solution of:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta M = & \frac{1}{6 K_1 K_2} \left(-2 (K_2 + 2 K_1 (1 + K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2))) + (2^{1/3} (K_2^2 + \right. \\ & K_1 K_2 (-2 + K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2)) + K_1^2 (4 + 2 K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2) + K_2^2 (M(0) + 2 \Delta HC \alpha_2)^2))) \Big/ \\ & (-16 K_1^3 + 12 K_1^2 K_2 - 12 M(0) K_1^3 K_2 + 6 K_1 K_2^2 + 24 M(0) K_1^2 K_2^2 + 6 M(0)^2 K_1^3 K_2^2 - 2 K_2^3 - \\ & 3 M(0) K_1 K_2^3 + 3 M(0)^2 K_1^2 K_2^3 + 2 M(0)^3 K_1^3 K_2^3 + 12 \Delta HC K_1^3 K_2 \alpha_2 - 24 \Delta HC K_1^2 K_2^2 \alpha_2 + \\ & 6 M(0) \Delta HC K_1^3 K_2^2 \alpha_2 + 3 \Delta HC K_1 K_2^3 \alpha_2 + 3 M(0) \Delta HC K_1^2 K_2^3 \alpha_2 + 12 M(0)^2 \Delta HC K_1^3 K_2^3 \alpha_2 - \\ & 12 \Delta HC^2 K_1^3 K_2^3 \alpha_2^2 - 6 \Delta HC^2 K_1^2 K_2^3 \alpha_2^2 + 24 M(0) \Delta HC^2 K_1^3 K_2^3 \alpha_2^2 + 16 \Delta HC^3 K_1^3 K_2^3 \alpha_2^3 + \\ & \sqrt{(-4 (K_2^2 + K_1 K_2 (-2 + K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2))) + K_1^2 (4 + 2 K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2) + \\ & K_2^2 (M(0) + 2 \Delta HC \alpha_2)^2))}^3 + (-2 K_2^3 + 3 K_1 K_2^2 (2 + K_2 (-M(0) + \Delta HC \alpha_2)) + \\ & 3 K_1^2 K_2 (4 + 8 K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2) + K_2^2 (M(0)^2 + M(0) \Delta HC \alpha_2 - 2 \Delta HC^2 \alpha_2^2)) + \\ & 2 K_1^3 (-8 - 6 K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2) + K_2^3 (M(0) + 2 \Delta HC \alpha_2)^3 + \\ & 3 K_2^2 (M(0)^2 + M(0) \Delta HC \alpha_2 - 2 \Delta HC^2 \alpha_2^2)))^{1/3} + \\ & 2^{2/3} (-16 K_1^3 + 12 K_1^2 K_2 - 12 M(0) K_1^3 K_2 + 6 K_1 K_2^2 + 24 M(0) K_1^2 K_2^2 + 6 M(0)^2 K_1^3 K_2^2 - \\ & 2 K_2^3 - 3 M(0) K_1 K_2^3 + 3 M(0)^2 K_1^2 K_2^3 + 2 M(0)^3 K_1^3 K_2^3 + 12 \Delta HC K_1^3 K_2 \alpha_2 - \\ & 24 \Delta HC K_1^2 K_2^2 \alpha_2 + 6 M(0) \Delta HC K_1^3 K_2^2 \alpha_2 + 3 \Delta HC K_1 K_2^3 \alpha_2 + \\ & 3 M(0) \Delta HC K_1^2 K_2^3 \alpha_2 + 12 M(0)^2 \Delta HC K_1^3 K_2^3 \alpha_2 - 12 \Delta HC^2 K_1^3 K_2^3 \alpha_2^2 - \\ & 6 \Delta HC^2 K_1^2 K_2^3 \alpha_2^2 + 24 M(0) \Delta HC^2 K_1^3 K_2^3 \alpha_2^2 + 16 \Delta HC^3 K_1^3 K_2^3 \alpha_2^3 + \\ & \sqrt{(-4 (K_2^2 + K_1 K_2 (-2 + K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2))) + K_1^2 (4 + 2 K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2) + \\ & K_2^2 (M(0) + 2 \Delta HC \alpha_2)^2))}^3 + (-2 K_2^3 + 3 K_1 K_2^2 (2 + K_2 (-M(0) + \Delta HC \alpha_2)) + \\ & 3 K_1^2 K_2 (4 + 8 K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2) + K_2^2 (M(0)^2 + M(0) \Delta HC \alpha_2 - 2 \Delta HC^2 \alpha_2^2)) + \\ & 2 K_1^3 (-8 - 6 K_2 (M(0) - \Delta HC \alpha_2) + K_2^3 (M(0) + 2 \Delta HC \alpha_2)^3 + \\ & 3 K_2^2 (M(0)^2 + M(0) \Delta HC \alpha_2 - 2 \Delta HC^2 \alpha_2^2)))^{1/3} \Big) \end{aligned} \quad (S2)$$